



TESTIMONY

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Raised Bill No. 5395

Good morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra and members of Aging Committee. My name is Deborah Hoyt, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home.

The Association represents 60 Connecticut DPH licensed/Medicare certified home health and hospice agencies that foster cost-effective, person-centered healthcare in the setting people prefer most – their own home. Collectively, our agency providers deliver care to more CT residents each day than those housed in CT hospitals and nursing homes combined.

As a major employer with a growing workforce, our 17,000 home health care workers are providing high-tech and telehealth interventions for children, adults, and seniors.

We are Connecticut's community-based safety net, ensuring that the chronic conditions of the frail elderly, disabled, and homebound are managed and their care is well-coordinated across the healthcare continuum.

We fully support Raised Bill 5395 and assisting elderly persons and persons with disabilities to live at home longer.

We want to ensure that Connecticut citizens receive safe and appropriate home health services within an infrastructure equipped to meet the demands of a growing aging demographic.

Our Association supports the state's long term care goal of rebalancing and aging in place. According to a 2010 study by the University of Connecticut, investing in a system that supports the delivery of home health care will ensure Connecticut's fiscal health as well as the overall sustainability of the safety net.

As the state of Connecticut continues to rebalance the coordination of care for its residents, increasing the number of residents receiving health care at home and "aging in place" will tilt the cost-benefit of this shift towards the positive.



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Aging in place with home health care is proven to be the cost-effective solution to the state's healthcare and fiscal crises.

Please reach out to us as a resource for additional information at any time.

Thank you.